

Meth Watch Works to Stop Anhydrous Ammonia Theft

KDHE's Meth Watch Program has been working with the Kansas Ag Retailers Association, the Kansas Meth Prevention Project, and the K-State Research and Extension to include Kansas farmers and ranchers in the fight against methamphetamine production and use. Between December 2005 and April 2006, the KDHE Meth Watch staff has distributed 34,000 Meth Watch decals for placement on anhydrous ammonia tanks in Kansas.



Anhydrous ammonia is very important to the agricultural community and a key ingredient in meth manufacture in Kansas. That's why it is frequently stolen from nurse tanks at farms, ranches and agriculture related businesses. The decals will provide farmers and ranchers an opportunity to become involved in their community's efforts to address the methamphetamine problem. Decals placed on nurse tanks may act as a theft deterrent and increase farm safety.

Meth manufacture and usage in a community can lead to increased crime, environmental contamination, abuse and neglect of children, and danger to first responders. In 2005, more than 385 meth labs were found in Kansas.

Please check out the KDHE Meth Watch site at www.kansasmethwatch.com or through the links on the KDHE home page located at www.kdhe.state.ks.us or for more information, please e-mail: tciaffone@kdhe.state.ks.us or call 368-7301.

